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For: MOTOR CONTROL DEVICE

REQUEST FOR INITIALED PTO/SB/08 A&B

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully request the Examiner to confirm that the references submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 23, 2004 (copy enclosed with date stamped filing receipt) have been considered by providing Applicants with an initialed and signed copy of the PTO/SB/08 A&B Form listing these references.

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1. Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate with a copy of Communication from a foreign patent office, references, PTO/SB/08-A & B (modified) and Check No. 243155 in the amount of \$180.00)
2. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)
3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(d)

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicant is submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

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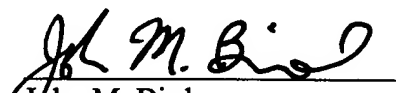
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed thirty days or fewer from the communication from a foreign patent office and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.704(d) is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated February 23, 2004 in a counterpart application citing such documents, together with an English-language version (if not already included) of at least that portion of the Communication indicating the degree of relevance found by the foreign patent office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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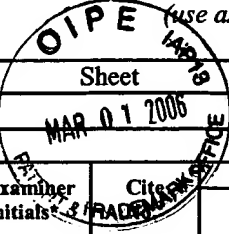
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